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✧First Day.✧

The Confederated Southern Memorial Association opened its second annual convention by holding memorial services in honor of President Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. The services took place in Calvary Episcopal church (Memphis, Tenn.) at 9 o'clock in the morning, Tuesday, May 28, 1901, at which Bishop Gaylor delivered the memorial address herein reported. The Bishop spoke as follows:

"The Confederated Southern Memorial Association is the oldest and most sacred society of women that has been organized since the Civil War. To it we owe the institution of Memorial Day, which is now recognized throughout this country. It was a Southern woman, Miss Sue Adams, who, in the city of Jackson, Miss., on April 26, 1865, almost immediately after the surrender of Gen. Lee, first decorated the graves of the fallen soldiers, and to her eternal honor

be it said, she placed the wreaths upon the graves of friend and foe alike, and this was the first time that any Federal grave in a Southern State received a floral offering, and that offering of tender sympathy came from a Southern woman.

Three years after that, May 30, 1868, Gen. Logan's order made the day perpetual, but the earlier and more beautiful incident should never be forgotten.

I regard it as a great privilege this morning to be permitted to speak on behalf of this association to conduct by request this brief service in memory of Mr. Jefferson Davis.

There is no time for me to deliver a eulogy, if one were needed, or were appropriate, upon that name. The character of Mr. Davis as a man, a soldier, a statesman, a President, has passed into history, and our children will be better able than we are rightly to estimate his place in the records of our country. To say that he was a knightly and chivalrous Christian gentleman, brave, true, consistent, without a stain upon his honor, without a moral blot upon his fame, is simple justice—that some day the world will recognize. That he deserves and should receive the unstinted and uninterrupted honor of those to whom the Southern Confederacy is a sacred memory, no reasonable man can question. "The fierce light that beat against the throne" threw into bold relief the outlines of his character, and he became the shining mark for criticism. But what else may be said, he alone embodied and represented with consistent and patient heroism to the day of his death the cause for which he had sacrificed all that men hold dear. He alone, of all Southern men, for twenty years, bore the obloquy of treason at the hands of those who were afraid to permit him to be tried in a court of

justice. He alone for twenty years was disfranchised and denied the rights of citizenship. He never sued for pardon. He asked no favor. Lonely he may have been, crushed oftentimes, with broken heart and life desolated in its prime; but God gave him through it all the courage of the finest manhood and the purest purpose, and as he had lived he died, praying as a Christian man, with a sincere and honest heart, for the welfare and happiness of his people.

God, I believe, judges men by their motives. Jefferson Davis, in his heart, was an honest patriot; and no Southern man should refuse or hesitate to do justice to his memory and service."

WOMAN'S BUILDING, }
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 28, 1901. }

After the beautiful memorial services held in Calvary Church in memory of President Jefferson Davis, the Confederate Southern Memorial Association proceeded to the headquarters of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, in the Woman's building, where officers and delegates were provided with badges. The body was called to order, and on motion it was decided that the first session of the second annual convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association be held on Wednesday, at 10 a. m. The body adjourned to the convention of the United Confederate Veterans, at Reunion Hall, then in convention assembled.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

✧Second Day.✧

WOMAN'S BUILDING, }
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29, 1901, 10 a. m. }

The second annual convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association was called to order and led in prayer by Mrs. Lewis Graham, Vice-President of Louisiana. Mrs. Graham stated that a meeting of the Resolution Committee of the U. C. V.'s had been called for the same hour as our first session and that Mrs. Behan and Mrs. Randolph were requested to present the matter of the "Removal of the Confederate Dead" at that time. We know that her absence is unavoidable. She is pleading a cause that is near and dear to us all.

Mrs. Letitia Frazer, President of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, in behalf of the association, welcomed most cordially the memorial women from all parts of the Southland, to the fair city of Memphis. She also presented a gavel from the association, procured by Mrs. B. J. Semmes from Beauvoir, accompanied by the following letter:

"My Dear Mrs. Anderson:

"It affords me great pleasure to be able, at last, to present to the L. C. M. A. the gavel from wood grown at Beauvoir. The tree from which I saw it cut was alive during our dear President's residence there. It grew in the front lawn on the beach, near the piazza where Mr. Davis so much loved to sit watching the sails over the waters of the gulf. I trust that the sound of this gavel may carry to the hearts of its hearers some of the loving reverence and esteem that I always cherish for him who held the highest position in that Confederacy which was as great and noble as

it was unfortunate. Country and President are alike a sad memory to

"IORANTHA SEMMES."

Mrs. Graham responded gracefully to the welcome and expressed the appreciation of the C. S. M. A., accepting the gavel with thanks from the donors for their thoughtful and attractive gift that will be preserved by the association.

The next order of business was the reading of the Minutes of the Louisville convention, it being the wish of the association that they be read.

The President then stated that the next order of business was the appointing of committees, and that she would be pleased to have the body name the committees necessary.

It was decided, on motion, that the President appoint committees on Credentials and Resolutions.

Mrs. Graham then named the committees:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Kellar Anderson, chairman, Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Sue H. Walker, Fayetteville, Ark.
Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Jefferson City, Mo.
Mrs. Belle C. Ish, Springfield, Mo.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Wm. G. Moore, chairman, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Letitia Frazee, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. James Rawlings, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Garland Jones, Raleigh, N. C.

Some discussion having arisen among the delegates as to the propriety of deciding on Confederation badges, as provided for in article VI, of the Constitution, on motion the following Badge Committee was appointed:

Mrs. Garland Jones, chairman.
 Mrs. Leroy B. Valliant.
 Mrs. Virginia Frazee Boyle.
 Mrs. J. T. McTeer.
 Miss Sue H. Walker.
 Mrs. M. V. Randolph.

After appointing these committee the President made a strong and touching appeal for the removal of Confederate dead from unknown and uncared for graves to their native States and urged the Resolution Committee to formulate a resolution to present to the Veterans in convention assembled.

The committees were requested to retire and present their reports as early as possible.

On motion it was decided to take a recess of five minutes so that the Credential Committee could present their report. At the expiration of that time the President called the convention to order and Mr. Beckwith of Petersburg, Va., was introduced, who wished to present the Blandford church and the aims of the association to the delegates of the C. S. M. A., hoping to reach all the States not yet heard from in regard to the placing of memorial windows in the church around which many thousands of our Confederate dead sleep. Much interest was aroused and the President thanked Mr. Beckwith for his visit to the convention. Mr. Beckwith then presented the report of the Petersburg Memorial Association.

The report of the Credential Committee was then called for and submitted by Miss Sue H. Walker of Arkansas:

We, the Credential Committee appointed by the C. S. M. A. in convention assembled, beg leave to report that the following States herein named are entitled to the following representatives:

Mrs. J. D. Walker, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Mrs. S. W. Davies, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Miss Sue H. Walker, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Miss Mary A. Hall, Augusta, Ga.
 Mrs. John W. Clark, Augusta, Ga.
 Mrs. E. F. Brian, Baton Rouge, La.
 Mrs. Alice A. Gaillard Palmer, Charleston, S. C.
 Mrs. Garland Jones, Raleigh, N. C.
 Mrs. F. A. Olds, Raleigh, N. C.
 Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, Richmond, Va.
 Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Richmond, Va.
 Mrs. Gene L. Christian, Richmond, Va.
 Miss Mary B. Jackson, Gainesville, Ala.
 Mrs. J. O. Heminway, Gainesville, Ala.
 Mrs. D. H. Williams, Gainesville, Ala.
 Mrs. John B. Richardson, New Orleans, La., delegate.
 Mrs. Lewis Graham, New Orleans, La., delegate.
 Mrs. H. C. Mackie, New Orleans, La., alternate.
 Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, New Orleans, La., alternate.
 Mrs. Joseph Rawlings, Memphis, Tenn.
 Mrs. J. P. Jordan, Memphis, Tenn.
 Mrs. J. T. McTeer, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Miss Moody White, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Mrs. Belle C. Ish, Springfield, Mo.
 Mrs. Geo. McDaniel, Springfield, Mo.
 Mrs. Bosman, Alternate.
 Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Jefferson City, Mo.
 Mrs. Wm. G. Moore, Jefferson City, Mo.
 Mrs. Theodosia Leroy Valliant, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. Celeste Prim, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. Minor Merriweather, Alternate.
 Mrs. Martha Dandridge Bibb, Montgomery, Ala.
 Mrs. Lee, Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. Mary Cramelin, Montgomery, Ala.
Mrs. W. D. Beard.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. W. J. Behan, President C. S. M. A.
Mrs. J. D. Walker, Vice-President, Ark., C. S. M. A.
Mrs. Lewis Graham, Vice-Pres. La. C. S. M. A.
Mrs. D. H. Williams, Vice-Pres. Ala. C. S. M. A.
Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Vice Pres. Mo. C. S. M. A.
Mrs. Garland Jones, Vice-Pres. N. C., C. S. M. A.
Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, Rec. Sec. C. S. M. A.
Miss Sue H. Walker, Cor. Sec. C. S. M. A.

On motion the report was accepted.

The report of the Resolution Committee was the next in order, the chairman Mrs. Garland Jones read the following resolution. "The Confederate Southern Memorial Association in Convention assembled Memphis, Tenn., May 29, 1901." "Be it resolved: That as representative women of the South, we earnestly beg the United Confederate Veterans to throw no obstacle in the way of the efforts we are making to remove the remains of our dead who are buried in Northern soil or Federal cemeteries. The Memorial Associations of the different states desire to claim them and are willing to defray all expenses of interment."

MRS. GARLAND JONES, Chairman.
MRS. W. G. MOORE.
MRS. JENNIE EDWARDS,
MRS. MARY RAWLINGS,
MRS. W. D. BEARD,
MRS. LEWIS GRAHAM.

This resolution was unanimously adopted and on motion it was sent to the U. C. V. in convention assembled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jno. B. Richardson that the C. S. M. A. present to-day a beautiful bouquet of flowers in memory of President Jefferson Davis to the U. C. Veterans in convention assembled.

This motion was unanimously carried:

Mrs. Behan having returned from the meeting of the U. C. V. Resolution Committee—on motion, the rules were suspended giving Miss Daisy Hodgson of New Orleans an opportunity to present a gavel to Mrs. Behan in behalf of Mrs. Jos. R. Davis of New Orleans. Miss Hodgson in presenting same, prefaced the reading of the letter accompanying it, with the following remarks. Mrs. Behan, President of the C. S. M. A. It gives me great pleasure and I count it both an honor and a privilege to be the medium of placing this beautiful gift in your hand. The letter was as follows:

My Dear Miss Hodgson,
Sec. C. S. M. Ass'n.

May I ask that you will present for me to the President of the C. S. M. A., the gavel which I send to be retained by her as a souvenir of her term of office when she shall have retired. Made from wood of a tree grown at Beauvoir, loved and admired by Jefferson Davis, and bound by a silver ring once held in the baby fingers of Winnie Davis, the beloved and lamented "Daughter of Confederacy." May it bring as its message an inspiration and God speed to (the women of the South) here assembled in their memorial work, monuments to the Heroes of the Cause so *loved and lost* and its undying dead.

Very truly yours,

MRS. JOS. R. DAVIS.

Mrs. Behan accepted the gift and replied in a few touching words, expressing her appreciation and

thanks for this most beautiful and truly valuable and historic souvenir, and that as such it would be doubly dear to her, associated as it was, with our President and his beloved daughter. Mrs. Behan said she was deeply thankful for the great privilege which was conferred with the gavel making it her personal property, when she retired from office, and that it would be placed among her most precious keepsakes. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was next in order, Miss Sue H. Walker, the Corresponding Secretary, then read her report which was approved and is as follows:

Report of Corresponding Secretary of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association for year beginning May 30th, 1900 and ending May 27, 1901.

Madam President, and ladies of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

The last year of the nineteenth century should be marked with a white stone in the annals of the Memorial Associations of the South, for in that year was conceived the thought of uniting them into one Confederate body, for mutual aid and encouragement in the work so long and faithfully performed to preserve a record of that work for future generations, and to see that the *name* under which it was done be not allowed to pass into oblivion. That name "Memorial Association" means so much to Southern hearts that they desire above all to perpetuate it. As Corresponding Secretary for the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Arkansas (wherein originated this idea of a federation) it was my duty to write to all the Associations I could hear of asking their co-operation in our plan. Only seventeen could be located in the short time intervening before the U. C. V. Reunion at Louisville

when and where we determined to organize. Thirteen of these gave cordial consent and approval and the organization was perfected as you all know. The office of Corresponding Secretary was conferred upon one who fully appreciating the honor felt many misgivings as to her ability to do justice to the duties involved. A detailed account of the work of this office for the past year would occupy too much time and perhaps prove as uninteresting to you, as it seems unnecessary to me. Of the one hundred and seventy-nine letters received, I must say all are most encouraging for the future of our confederation. Many of them are so eloquent and lofty in sentiment breathing such love and loyalty to the Southern dead, that I would that all could hear them and gather renewed inspiration and energy. That this movement has put new life into many of our Associations is evident and that many more would have joined us, but for their inability to do so, having merged into the younger organization the Daughters of the Confederacy. All who have ever been memorial woman bid us "God speed" in our noble mission, I have endeavored to make plain to all that this confederation does not conflict or interfere in any way with the U. D. C. Though separate organizations and the work different in some respects, both are working for the same sacred cause and many members of the one belong to the other also. An account of the Confederation its object and aims, issuance of charter, additions of associations, etc., was sent to the Southern Historical Society of Richmond, Va., and was given a place in Vol. 28 of the Southern Historical Society Papers, with an eloquent preface by the editor.

We are indebted to the Confederate Veteran, The

Lost Cause, The Daughter of the Confederacy, The New Orleans Picayune, The Associated Press and many local papers for courtesy in giving space to our articles when sent them, and their cordial invitation to use their columns whenever we desire to do so and more than to any one else are we indebted to our earnest enthusiastic president whose faithful, untiring efforts in behalf of the Confederation, are better known perhaps to the Corresponding Secretary than to any other member of the Association.

A few weeks ago in compliance with the President's request, I wrote to Mrs. Jefferson Davis and her daughter Mrs. Hayes, telling them of the proposed memorial service in honor of President Davis, as the opening function of our convention, and asked them in the name of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association to be present. Very cordial letters of appreciation were received, which I will read with your permission when I finish my report.

The number of articles, notices, letters, etc. written by the Corresponding Secretary during the year is as follows: Articles for magazines and newspapers, 10. Letters to the president and associations 223 newspapers sent out 17. Packages of application blanks to Vice Presidents 7. Total of communications 257.

Letters received 179; Applications for membership 15 making a total of 28 Associations enrolled. Amount of money received from Treasurer for stationery and postage \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

SUE H. WALKER,

Cor. Sec. C. S. M. A.

Miss Walker also read letters from Mrs. J. Addison Hays and Mrs. V. Jefferson Davis, expressing their

regret at not being able to attend the convention and Jefferson Davis Memorial Services.

On motion of Miss Sue H. Walker of Arkansas, Mrs. Varina Jefferson Davis, Mrs. T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson, Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, Miss Mary Custis Lee, Miss Mildred Lee and Miss E. Kirby Smith were unanimously elected honorary members of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

* REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

Madam President and Delegates:

The committee appointed to attend to the incorporation of the Memorial Association, respectfully submits that on the 30th day of October, A. D., 1900, through their attorney, J. D. Walker, they caused the petition of the several Memorial Associations mentioned in the charter to be filed in the Circuit Court of Washington county, in the State of Arkansas, and upon due consideration of the petition by the court it was ordered that the petitioners be declared a body corporate and politic, by the name of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, with all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities granted in the constitution during the period of ninety-nine years, and that a certificate be issued, which was done.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WALKER,
Chairman of Committee.

The President then called for memorial reports by States.

Mrs. S. W. Davies read the report of the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Ark.

The report of the Confederate Memorial Association of Missouri was presented by Mrs. Campbell.

The President, Mrs. Behan, having been unavoidably detained by committee work, relative to the removal of Confederate dead from Arlington and Soldier's Home Cemeteries, a motion was offered that the reading of reports be suspended and that the President be requested to read her annual report.

The President explained her absence from the convention, saying that she was glad to bring the good news that the United Confederate Veterans had passed a resolution thanking the United States government for all that had been done for the Confederate dead buried in National cemeteries, and that in the future permission would be granted by the government to the women of the South to remove their dead to their Southern homes when the women so desired, to place them in Southern soil.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was offered to the President for her devotion to the Confederate work and her untiring energy expended in the matters of vital interest to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association:

It affords me great pleasure to see so many familiar faces, to greet so many friends, on this, the first anniversary of the organization of our historic Confederation. To the associations that have joined since the last reunion, the hand of sisterly love is extended with a hearty welcome, and the hope that the bond of union now existing between these associations will be entered into by every other Southern Memorial Association, and that it will grow stronger and firmer as time rolls on. It is not my purpose to make a

lengthy address. Something much more interesting will claim your attention. You will have the pleasure of listening to the sketches which have been prepared by the different associations, and when this convention closes its sessions you will return to your homes more deeply impressed with the duty of preserving the record of your noble work. From your Corresponding Secretary you will hear of the steady growth of the Confederation, now embracing nearly thirty associations. All of them most enthusiastic, as they review the memories of the past thirty-five years. The first step taken by this Confederation was a most fitting and appropriate one. We endorsed the movement to erect at an early date a monument to Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of our glorious, but short lived Nation. Mrs. N. V. Randolph, chairman of the Central Committee, Davis Monument Association, United Daughters of the Confederacy, made a most patriotic appeal to the noble women of the Memorial Associations, who had made it possible for the Daughters to proclaim themselves "Daughters of the Confederacy." We, too, felt that it was the duty and privilege of every Southern person to aid in this undertaking, for in honoring the memory of President Davis we honor the cause he represented. At the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Montgomery last November, 1900, Mrs. S. Thomas McCullough, President of the Davis Monument Association, embodied in her report, a request that the President of the Confederation be requested to appoint an Executive and Central Committee to cooperate with the committees from the United Daughters of the Confederacy in soliciting and collecting funds for the Davis monument. This request has been

complied with and the names of the members of these two important committees are here named:

CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE

Co-operating with the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the erection of the Jefferson Davis monument:

- Mrs. W. J. Behan, chairman, New Orleans, La.
- " Martha Dandridge Bibb, Montgomery, Ala.
- " Junius Jordan, Fayetteville, Ark.,
- " W. D. Chipley, Pensacola, Fla.
- " S. H. Melone, Atlanta, Ga.
- Miss Rosa Lobrano, New Orleans, La.
- Mrs. Charles Gascoigne Wright, Vicksburg, Miss.
- " LeRoy B. Valliant, St. Louis, Mo.
- " Garland Jones, Raleigh, N. C.
- " Alice A. Gaillard Palmer, Charleston S. C.
- " Letitia Frazer, Memphis, Tenn.
- " D. C. Richardson, Richmond, Va.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

- Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, chairman, New Orleans, La.
- Mrs. Thomas, Sefton, New Orleans, La.
- " F. A. Monroe, New Orleans, La.
- " Joseph Garcia, New Orleans, La.
- " D. R. Graham, New Orleans, La.
- " H. R. Cockle, New Orleans, La.
- " Emily Gutheim, New Orleans, La.
- Miss Lucy Marshall Smith, New Orleans, La.
- " Elizabeth Blakely, New Orleans, La.
- " Marie Louise Points, New Orleans, La.
- " Kate Eastman, New Orleans, La.

At the reunion in Louisville, many contributions were pledged by the memorial associations then present, and when your Treasurer reads her report you will be happy to know that, though we are few in numbers, we are strong in enthusiasm.

The next work that presented itself to us was the care of the prison dead, and one particular case was brought to our immediate attention.

In June, 1900, Congress passed an act carrying with it an appropriation for the disinterment of about 260 Confederate soldiers then lying in and around Washington, D. C., and providing for their reinterment in Arlington National Cemetery. This act was passed without our knowledge or consent. By request the list of these dead was published in Southern newspapers and periodicals. An appeal was issued by your President in September, 1900, calling the attention of the Southern people, and particularly the Presidents of memorial associations, to the action of Congress, that they might claim their dead. The movement was received with the greatest enthusiasm, the women feeling it to be a sacred duty and the United Confederate Veterans, coming forward promptly with the necessary funds for the removal. An active correspondence was entered into between the Honorable Secretary of War, Mrs. N. V. Randolph (who had been appointed chairman on the Committee of Removal of Confederate Dead) and your President. Letters were also written to His Excellency President McKinley, and feeling that a personal interview might be more effective your president went to Washington during the month of January, 1901. Through the courtesy of Hon. John Lamb, member of congress from Virginia, and Hon. Adolph Meyer, representative from Louisiana, an

interview was had with the Honorable Secretary of War. He was most polite and attentive, listening with great interest to the petitions which were presented. He then requested that all these letters and documents be left with General Ludington, Quartermaster General U. S. A., which was done, and with this, our petition for permission to remove our dead to their native States, was left in the hands of the Honorable Secretary of War to await his decision. It was not a question with the War Department as to whether permission would or would not be granted, but if it could be given under the law, as the act of Congress passed in June, 1900, had provided for certain conditions. So the matter rested and for nine long months we waited patiently until May 1, 1901, when your President received a communication from the War Department, stating that the Quartermaster General U. S. A., had been ordered to execute the provisions of the act of Congress passed June, 1900. Baffled, but not yet quite willing to give up, a second appeal was made to the Presidents of the memorial associations requesting them to protest, and claim the dead of their States. This was done by North Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana.

We may not succeed in this particular instance, but my dear sisters, we have the proud satisfaction of knowing that we have been, and are to-day, and will be forever true to the pledge we took more than thirty years ago, true to the memory of the Confederate soldier, than which there is no grander title, and we do not consider our work finished until we can say that every man who fought and died for the Southern cause has been laid to rest in his own native State, or in the South where his memory is forever enshrined in the hearts of a loyal people.

In every city, town and hamlet in the South there are to-day evidences of this devotion on the part of the Southern women in the monuments erected to the Confederate soldier, and in Richmond, that city so replete with Confederate interest, within whose gates was enacted some of the most important and tragic events of those trying days, when the South was struggling for independence, in the capitol of the Southern Confederacy, we hope to see a monument to Jefferson Davis, that grand, noble and heroic representative of the Southern cause, and let us bestir ourselves to greater efforts in this work in order that the monument may be completed while the men who wore the grey are still with us to proclaim that they were Confederate soldiers and followers of Jefferson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. BEHAN.

President Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

The following beautiful greeting from the C. M. Society of Missouri was read by Mrs. Theodosia Worthington Valliant, who presented Mrs. W. J. Behan with an exquisite bouquet of flowers with that grace and ease of the typical Southern woman. Madame President and Ladies

I bring to you loving greeting from the Confederate Memorial Association of Missouri at this our 2nd annual convention. This occasion is full of interest to the Memorial Societies all over our South land, the first body of Southern women organized who were so true and faithful when it required courage and strength to be true in those dark years in the sixties. My efforts for this year have been devoted to interesting our Southern women in the Memorial

Association in which I have been successful. In St. Louis we have a membership of 75 representative women.

The Memorial Societies of Missouri are planning for future work large results for 1901.

We intend to fulfil our pledge for two hundred and fifty dollars for President Davis Monument and to place a window in the Blandsford church near Petersburg, Virginia, where there are twenty-five thousand of our dear dead asleep—in rest our hearts in Missouri are loyal to the memories of the sacred past, we have achieved a great work in our far away state bounded on three sides by people not in sympathy with us. The hallowed memories of our lost cause we cherish:

“Lord God of hosts
Be with us yet
Lest we forget
Lest we forget.”

THEO. WORTHINGTON VALLIANT,
President Missouri Confederate Memorial Society.
Memphis, May 28, 1901.

A rising vote of thanks was offered the Recording Secretary for the concise and accurate report of the First Annual Convention at Louisville, Ky.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order and the reading of historical reports was continued. The Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association of Knoxville, Tenn., was read by its secretary Mrs. J. T. McTeer.

The report of The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of Augusta, Ga., was read by Miss Mary A. Hall, its Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Alice A. Gaillard Palmer read the report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Charleston, South Carolina.

The report of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association by the Secretary.

The Recording Secretary, Miss Hodgson read a greeting in verse, written by Mrs. L. P. Buck, vice President of the Warren Memorial Association of Front Royal, Va., and is as follows:

GREETING.

To the General Federation of Southern Memorial Associations.

From the "Warren Memorial Association," Front Royal, Va:—

'Tis the Mother State—Virginia,
This greeting sends to you
From her fair, historic Valley
Set mid the mountains blue.

A message O, my sisters,
To say, that, though apart
In flesh, yet we are with you
In spirit and in heart.

And our mem'ries may together
Fleet backward to the years
When crucial war-fare tied us
And women's lives meant—tears!

When, mothers, wives and sisters
We saw our dear ones go
Forth from our happy fire sides
To face a ruthless foe.

And, though we march'd not with them
Upon the fiery track
To dare their toils and dangers,
To share the bivouac.

Though ours, no bloody conflict
We bore the harder fate
In lonely homes defenceless
To tremble, watch and wait.

To agonize for tidings
From absent ones, and then
To *pray* like helpless *women*
To *toil*, like very men.

To keep the home-light burning
Through glooms of grim despair
To wrestle with the legions
Of pallid want and care.

And Oh! when Southern valor
No more prevail'd o'er might
And hopes had all departed,
Gone down in starless night

We still'd our sobs to silence
And veil'd with smiles our pain
To help the home-returning
Take up life's threads again

Then, last sad task! to rescue
From dark oblivion's waves
The mem'ries of those heroes
Who won in death, no graves!—

Through lonely fields and forests
By stream, on rough hill side
Stern war his seed had scatter'd
In shallow furrows wide.

Ah! 'twas a ghastly harvest
We reap'd then. Boyish forms
With stalwart, manly figures
The aged spent with storms.

Comrades in death they rested
Beneath the meagre sod
Which their life-blood had crimson'd
Their names known but to God

These piteous wrecks we gather'd
And 'neath the cedars' shade
Sweet resting-places for them
Like gardens fair, we made.

And now, when fragrant summer
Burgeons in bloom again
We strew our votive blossoms
Each year, above our slain.

Known or unknown, we hold them
Our country's sacred trust
And rear memorial marbles
Above their hallow'd dust.

But there are *living* heroes
Who wear the dear old gray
Not in their martial *garments*
But on their *brows* to-day.

Veterans, who for freedom
 Travail'd and starv'd and bled
 Then dar'd again life's duties
 When youth and strength had fled.

Time-worn and gray, we love them
 And honor ev'ry scar
 The halting step, the armless sleeve
 Won in unequal war.

Alas! their ranks are thinning
 How many have pass'd o'er
 To join the shadowy army
 Upon the other shore!

Let the living line up closer
 And fill each vacaut place
 With comrade ship more tender
 With heartier embrace.

And when the "last foe" conquer'd
 They give the countersign
 And solemnly the last ones
 Shall file across the line.

They'll leave their noble records,
 A glorious heritage
 To those who follow after
 Upon life's tragic stage.

Then, as the Vestals guarded
 Their sacred fire of old
 Undimm'd upon an altar
 That never should grow cold.

So, be it ours, to cherish
 Their annals, traced by truth
 And stir to emulation
 The glowing heart of youth.

That, when we too, from labor
 Shall cease at set of sun
 We'll leave to these young patriots
 The mission thus begun.

And then each generation
 To generations may
 Perpetuate the glory
 Of those who wore the gray!

LUCY R. BUCK,
 V. P. Warren Memorial Association,
 Front Royal, Va.

The report of the Ladies Memorial Association of
 Gainesville, Ala., was read by Mrs. D. H. Williams.
 The report of the Wilcox Co. Ladies Memorial As-
 sociation was read by Miss Sue H. Walker.

A number of Associations having been organized
 within a few months of each other, the President re-
 commended that the dates of organization and dates
 of the unveiling of monuments of all associations be
 recorded, so that the history as to precedence may
 be fully established and that June the third of each
 year the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis
 be observed by Confederate Memorial Associations
 and that historical addresses, the speech of Jefferson
 Davis on leaving the U. S. Senate and on the oc-
 casion of his inauguration be presented.

Miss Sue H. Walker of Fayetteville, Arkansas,
 offered the following resolution: "that the day set
 aside by all Memorial Associations should in the

future be known as "Memorial Day" scattering of flowers on graves of Confederate dead, to be known as "Southern Memorial Day." This resolution was unanimously carried.

Report of the Badge Committee.

At a meeting of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association in Louisville, Ky., it was decided to select a temporary badge for delegates to wear in Memphis, and New Orleans was the city given the honor of making the badge. With the generous assistance of Miss Daisy Hodgson, a badge has been selected which we hope will give satisfaction. Appreciating the honor and heartily in sympathy with the noble cause. I submit this report.

LUCY MARSHALL SMITH.

May 24, 1901.

In the absence of Miss Julia Garside, the Treasurer. Miss Hodgson, the Recording Secretary was called to read the Annual report which is as follows:

Confederated Southern Memorial Association.
From May, 1900 to May, 1901.

Receipts.

Annual dues (26 Associations) 2.00 each	\$ 52.00
Removal of Confederate dead	157.00
Army of N. Va. (Davis Monument)	250.00
Confederated Memorial Literary Society, Richmond, Va.	100.00

Total receipts \$559.00

1900 Expense account.

June 1 Pd. Louisville Courier Journal	\$.55
" 2 Typewriting (Memorial U. C. V.)	.60
Aug. 27 Pd. Stationery and postage (Cor. Sec.)	3.00
Sept. 27 Pd. Books, stamps and stationery (by Treasurer.)	1.50

" 29 Pd. Stationery used by (Cor. Sec.)	5.00
Nov. 30 Pd. Mrs. J. D. Walker (incorporation)	3.60

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Mar. 20 Pd. Postage stamps (used by Treas)	\$.20
April 18 Pd. Secretary's Books	1.25
" 18 M. O. Express	.05
" 18 Envelopes used (by Treasurer)	.10
" 30 Stationery, postage by (Cor. Sec.)	2.00
" 30 Stamps by Treasurer	.20

18.05

Paid Army of N. Va. Pd. Richmond Treas.	250.00
Confederate Memorial Literary So- ciety (Richmond, Va.)	100.00

368.05

Balance on hand May, 1901 \$190.95

The Flower Parade was announced as passing the Woman's Building, and later in the afternoon the Memorial Association of Memphis, Tenn., had planned for an "at home" to visiting delegates and other invited guests, at the residence of Mrs. B. B. Beecher, 510 Lauderdale Street. On motion the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

✧Third Day.✧

WOMAN'S BUILDING, Memphis, Tenn.

9 A. M., May 30, 1901.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President Mrs. W. J. Behan and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved after which the unfinished business of the previous session was taken up the following Associations presented historical sketches.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Raleigh, N. C. was read by Mrs. Garland Jones.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg, Va. was read by Miss Sue H. Walker.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of Memphis, Tenn. was read by Mrs. Letitia Frazer.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association, Junior of New Orleans, La. was read by Miss Hodgson.

The Jefferson Davis Monument Chapter of New Orleans, La. read by Miss Walker.

The State Monument Association of Springfield, Mo. was read by Miss Hogan.

The Oakwood Memorial Association, Richmond, Va. was read by Miss Walker.

The Sterling Price Memorial Association read by Mrs. Jennie Edwards.

Hollywood Memorial Association, Richmond, Va., read by Mrs. N. V. Randolph.

The report of the Ladies Memorial Association of Montgomery, Ala., was read by Mrs. Lee.

The report of Baton Rouge, La., Confederate Memorial Association was read by Mrs. E. F. Brian.

The report of Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association of New Orleans, La., was read by Mrs. John B. Richardson.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Theodocia Worthington Valliant of Missouri "that the histories of all Memorial Associations be published in book form and sold for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis Monument Fund and credited to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association. This motion was unanimously carried and the following pledges made.

Ladies Memorial Association of Knoxville, Tenn., Five Dollars.

Sterling Price Memorial Association of Jefferson City, Mo., Five Dollars.

Ladies Confederate Memorial Association of New Orleans, La., Five Dollars.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Raleigh, N. C., Five Dollars.

The State Monument Memorial Association of Springfield, Mo., Five Dollars.

The Baton Rouge Confederate Memorial Association, Five Dollars.

The Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Five Dollars.

The Ladies Memorial Association, Charleston, S. C., Five Dollars.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tenn., Five Dollars.

Confederate Memorial Society of St. Louis, Mo., Fifty Dollars.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Garland Jones, that Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle, be made the Poetess of this Association, unanimously carried.

On motion duly seconded the Convention took a recess until 4:30 p. m.; so that the members of the Convention might witness the laying of the "Corner Stone" of the Forest Monument at Forest Park.

Daisy M. L. Hodgson,
Secretary.

WOMAN'S BUILDING, MEMPHIS TENN.,

May 30, 1901; 4:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order, and led in prayer, by the President Mrs. W. J. Behan. Quorum present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rawlings seconded by Mrs. L. Graham, that the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association be printed and sold, to members for five cents each carried.

Miss Sue H. Walker requested that Miss Hodgson, be appointed a committee of one, to attend to printing Constitution and By-Laws and Miss Hodgson was duly appointed by the president.

The unfinished business of the morning session was continued and the reading of the following reports was next in order.

The report of the Hollywood Memorial Association of Richmond, Va. Read by Mrs. N. V. Randolph of Virginia.

The Junior Hollywood Memorial Association of Richmond, Va., Mrs. N. V. Randolph of Va.

The Confederate Memorial and Literary Society of Richmond, Va., by Mrs. N. V. Randolph of Va.

Mrs. S. T. McCullough, Chairman Executive Committee Jefferson Davis Monument Association, appeared before the Convention and thanked the Confederate Southern Memorial Association for its co-operation with the U. D. C. in raising funds for the

Davis Monument, and regretted that her report could not have been presented earlier in the session.

The Secretary reported that badges the New Orleans and Memphis Memorial Associations the charter of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association and a copy of the Poem "The Wizard of the Saddle" written by Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle the Poetess of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association had been placed in the Corner Stone of the Forrest Monument.

The report of the Resolution Committee was called for and Mrs. Garland Jones, Chairman, reported that the Resolution relative to Confederate Dead had been sent to the United Confederate Veteran's Convention, during the Wednesday evening session.

The report of the Badge Committee was called for and the chairman stated that the committee had been unable to make a decision in the short time allowed them and requested that designs be sent to the Corresponding Secretary who will send them to each Association to vote upon, each design sent must be accompanied by estimates for 100 badges. Any member may submit a design with cost of 100 badges. This report was received.

On motion it was decided that the delegates badge for the next Convention will be gray ribbon with gold lettering.

Miss Sue H. Walker made a motion that a "Press Correspondent" be elected, the motion was unanimously carried and the name of Miss Mary Abarr, formerly of Memphis, but now a resident of Mississippi was made the official correspondent of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association and elected an honorary member of the C. S. M. A.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for and is as follows:

Whereas, the Ladies of the Memorial Association of Memphis have extended such gracious hospitality to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association:

"Resolved, That we return to them our most sincere thanks and also to Misses Orion Page and Marguerite Gray for their kindness in giving us their beautiful studio for headquarters; also to Miss Higbee for her gentle graciousness and courteous attentions to our delegates who were domiciled in the Higbee School building; also to M^{rs}. Napoleon Hill for a delightful concert and a cup of nectar; also to the United Daughters of the Confederacy for their many kind attentions, and to Mesdames Harvey Mathes and A. D. Langstaff personally; also to Mrs. Bayless B. Beecher who gave her elegant Home to the Memorial Association of Memphis to further the pleasure and better the acquaintance of our many Memorial Associations; also to the custodian of the Woman's building; Mrs. Surprise for the use of her private room for committee meetings also to the United Confederate Veterans assembled for their address of welcome and their consideration and co-operation in our great work; and to Miss Anna Brown of the Evening Scimitar, to the Commercial Appeal, and Miss Mary Abarr of the New Orleans Press.

MRS. GARLAND JONES, Chairman.

MRS. CHAS. W. FRAZER,

MRS. J. S. RAWLINGS,

MRS. W. G. MOORE,

MRS. W. D. BEARD,

MRS. JENNIE EDWARDS,

Committee on Resolutions.

After the report of the resolutions committee. The business of the Convention having been completed on motion it was decided to adjourn to meet at Dallas, 1902, when the President Mrs. W. J. Behan declared the Convention closed.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.